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I disagree with the settlement. I am just an individual user who desires to enjoy using my computer. I do not want to use Microsoft software, but to communicate with friends, it seems you have to use microsoft software. I like to use OS/2 and Linux, but because of the tight agreements that Microsoft has with hardware manufacturers it is hard to get drivers for the new hardware released. It seems that Microsoft sets the requirements and hardware manufacturers built to their specifications. Thus you have winmodems, winprinters and about everything win. To me that is a great loss.

I enjoy using the internet. As I understand it, the goverment, military, with universities designed and built it to open standards for vital communications. Now with its power, money and PROVEN BY COURT MONOLOGY Microsoft is trying to close it down into it's own little domain. They need to be stopped.

As a individual user it looks to me like the simple solution would to be to punish those found guilty. It is done every day in regular courts of law. The guilty do not get to set the punishment, why should Microsoft who was found guilty of being a monopoly have any say in what it's punishment is. They have proven by their actions that they cannot be trusted.

Make them open up formats, so that any programer with the ability and desire can write a program to read Microsoft documents and let competition begin in earnest and see who wins.

Make any access to the internet open with no private must use my operating system to again access to it..

Thank you for listening, I think Microsoft hinders inovation more than promotes it.

Just a computer user,

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